

#### FROM FERTILE FLORIDA

What is Going on in the Land of the Orange and Grapefruit

Bert McCall of Eden is shipping some fine beans.

A great many beans are being shipped out of Jensen.

Small shipments of strawberries are being made from Starke.

The celery fields about DeLand are producing abundant crops, and as fine as ever grown.

Oxford truckers are busy putting in their crops. Tomatoes are coming up and showing well.

The Seaboard Air Line is building a shed 40x100 at Lawley to facilitate the handling of the strawberry crop.

There are a number of heavy strawberry shippers at Plant City. R. Daniels shipped 1600 quarts one day last week.

Quite an acreage of beans, potatoes and other vegetables has been planted by the farmers around San Mateo this season.

The past week has been very favorable in DeSoto county for growing crops, and growers are feeling very much encouraged.

At Makkka, in the Manatee section, the orange groves are beginning to bloom and the prospects for a good crop were never better.

Pineapples are in fine condition at Stuart and shipments are being made nearly every day. There was a good early winter crop.

The Truckers' Association of St. Petersburg met last week and decided to ship only the best of everything and will use labels as a guarantee of excellence.

F. J. Hammon of Hawthorne reports his orange grove as being loaded with bloom buds. The orange groves in that section are looking well and a large crop is expected.

Strawberry shipments are very heavy from Starke now. Last year Bradford county received nearly \$500,000 for her berry crop, and many think that this year will exceed last.

There are about 40 or fifty acres of fine lettuce under canvas at Gainesville. About one-third has been shipped and the remainder of the crop is not yet quite ready to be moved.

A great many prospective truck farm purchasers have been looking over property at Titusville. Plenty of celery and early gardening have been grown without the costly irrigation, which makes Titusville an ideal truck farming country.

St. Lucie county, which is the only county on the east coast represented at the state fair at Tampa, has a fine display of pineapples, mostly of the red Spanish variety. The grapefruit sent from St. Lucie are as fine as are to be seen anywhere.

Twenty-five cars of lettuce were shipped from Center Hill during the past six weeks by J. Q. D. C. and H. A. Smith, C. F. Venable and Mack Archibald. Heavy crops of beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, watermelons and cantaloupes are now being planted.

Parson & Parramore's ideal truck farm near Plant City consists of three acres of celery and lettuce. This farm is operated under a thorough system of irrigation, proving from results obtained that irrigation is necessary to success. They are shipping every day.

To give some idea of what Plant City and the surrounding country is doing in Strawberries, Wiggins & Davis, who handle the strawberry boxes for the shippers, have averaged for the past week, 3200 quarts of strawberries per day, and every one sold for cash on the platform.—New York Produce News.

#### CABBAGE MARKET QUIET

Big Slump in Prices of Florida Stock This Week.

New York, Feb. 22—Because of light receipts the cabbage market was able to get into better shape. Trade was only fair. Everything points to a continued poor market. Stock is selling \$12@14. Advices from up the state indicate that there is still a great quantity of cabbage held. Growers are shipping freely even against the advice of their receivers.

Florida cabbage this week took a bad slump and Thursday it was selling for \$1@1.25 a crate. Under favorable conditions this cabbage ought to bring \$4, as it is good enough to bring this figure, but with the market dragging on all stock and with liberal receipts the trade could not clean up what stock has been on the market. At this price there are heavy losses sustained by the receivers. The stock is arriving in good condition, and the heads are fairly large, but with plenty of old cabbage of good quality on the market, buyers seem adverse to take in new stock.

The board of county commissioners of Duval county have denied the petition asking that they call a wet and dry election in that county. The commissioners claim that the petition lacked two hundred and fifty-four of the required number of names. The petitioners claim that they have two hundred more than the required number.

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